

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senators Spanel, Honeyford, Fraser, Johnson, Rasmussen and Franklin

WHEREAS, Dee R. Hooper began working for the State of Washington as an engineering aide with the Department of General Administration in December of 1962; and Dee Hooper was project manager for the 1976 Legislative Building Structural and Earthquake Repairs; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hooper began employment with the Senate in July of 1977 and was immediately faced with the question of purchasing new custom built furniture for offices; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hooper justified the purchase of such furniture by writing that "the furnishings that were purchased for the Legislative leadership offices were purchased...to leave a legacy to the citizens of the State of Washington for generations to come expressing our intelligence, our refinement, and our fervent pride in the importance of our state and the arts"; and

WHEREAS, The above quote exemplifies Dee Hooper's devotion to the betterment of facilities within the Senate and House of Representatives for over a quarter of a century; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hooper served as host state and staff coordinator for national conventions held in Washington of the Council of State Governments in 1978, the National Conference of State Legislatures in 1985, and the American Legislative Exchange Council in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hooper has been centrally involved in preparation for every Inaugural Ball since 1973 and most recently served as Vice President of the 2005 Inaugural Ball Committee; and

WHEREAS, In preparation for the State Centennial celebration, Dee Hooper directed the inspired decorative painting of the Legislative Building rotunda as well as the House and Senate chambers; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hooper oversaw the modernization of the House and Senate phone system in several office buildings, safety hand rails in the Rotunda, and other vital projects too numerous to mention that made the Legislative Building a safer place to visit and work; and

WHEREAS, Dee Hooper has been an indispensable member of the Legislative Building rehabilitation project team and, as a measure of his dedication, postponed his retirement in order to see through the renovation of the historic Legislative Building which he loves so very much;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Dee R. Hooper be acknowledged and acclaimed for his full dedication and superior contributions to the grace and dignity of the Washington State Capitol Campus, the same commitment, grace, and dignity he brought to work each day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Dee Hooper be congratulated on his retirement from over four decades of public service and wished the very best in pursuing future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Dee Hooper.